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FCC Turns Away Restructuring Petitions For Reconsideration

from *The ARRL Letter* – The FCC has declined to make any significant changes to the way it implemented Amateur Radio “restructuring” last April. The Commission has turned down several requests for changes in the Amateur Service rules contained in five petitions for partial reconsideration of its Report and Order WT Docket 98-143, released December 30, 1999. The ARRL was among the petitioners.

In a Memorandum Opinion and Order released April 6, the FCC by and large denied all petitions for changes to its restructuring Order—although it did claim to grant one ARRL request—and it made some minor housekeeping changes to the amateur rules.

Among the issues was a request from the ARRL and other petitioners that the FCC continue to maintain records that indicate whether a Technician licensee has Morse code element credit. The FCC noted that its current Universal Licensing System software was modified to display a “P” (for Plus) in the field that indicates former license class when a Technician Plus class license is renewed. “This capability results in the amateur service database being able to provide a de facto Technician Plus licensee database,” the FCC asserted in its MO&O. The FCC did not address how its database will distinguish current Technician licensees who subsequently earn Morse code (Element 1) credit. Those licensees have only a Certificate of Completion of Examination (CSCE), which will never be reflected in the database, even upon license renewal.

The FCC also decided to not extend Element 1 credit to all past licensees who had ever earned it—something else the ARRL had asked for. Under current rules, the holder of an expired Novice or a pre-February 14, 1991, Technician license can get Element 1 credit. The FCC said that “most examinees” who ever held a General, Advanced or Amateur Extra ticket also once held a Novice or a pre-February 14, 1991, Technician ticket that grants Element 1 credit.

Left out in the cold by the FCC’s decision is anyone who went directly to Conditional or General class without ever holding a Novice ticket. The FCC also declined to extend permanent credit to Element 1 CSCEs held by Technicians to obtain HF privileges. These CSCEs are good for 365 days for upgrading purposes but confer only additional operating privileges for Technicians beyond that time.

The FCC refused to reinstate the 20 WPM Morse code exam for Extra. The FCC said that since restructuring went into effect nearly

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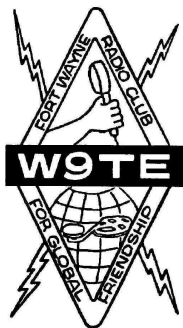
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President's Corner



As I write this editorial for the April edition of the Ham News, my furnace has been silent for almost two days now. This is not only helping my wallet recover from the winter, but with the lower noise level, I can pick out stations on 20 meters much better. These facts can only mean one thing - spring has actually arrived!! In between the Honey-Do projects, it is time to work on antennas and the shack and the mobile installation.

Spring is also the time to promote our hobby. Thanks to N9TB and KB9OS for getting our code and theory classes moving at last. Although the turn out has not been overly crowded, we are thankful for any new hams or established hams working to upgrade. One of the participants told us that he had a difficult time finding information on the clubs in the area, and that it took almost a month to track us down! We really need to find ways to get out the word that Amateur Radio is alive in Allen county (...how about bumper stickers with our web site on it...).

By the way, even though the classes are under way, there is still time to join up. Contact Tom Baker, N9TB, for details. We hope to also do another class in the fall, possibly with the help of a revived Indiana Institute of Technology club.

With nice weather comes activities, and the first to get started is our Fox Hunt season. Three have already been held with many more to come. The April meeting of the FWRC will be devoted to teaching the basics of the game, with some actual hands-on hunting there at the church. Please make a note to attend this coming April 20th to learn the tricks of the trade and try your hand at stalking the fox! [NOTE: We are starting at 7:00 PM this month so we will have some extra daylight for the fox hunt. - Editor]

The May meeting of the FWRC will be held a week earlier than usual on the 10th of May. This

will be our annual Spring Banquet, and it will be held on the second Friday of the month due to the first day of Dayton falling on the normal meeting day. **Make plans to attend this year, the food is always great!**

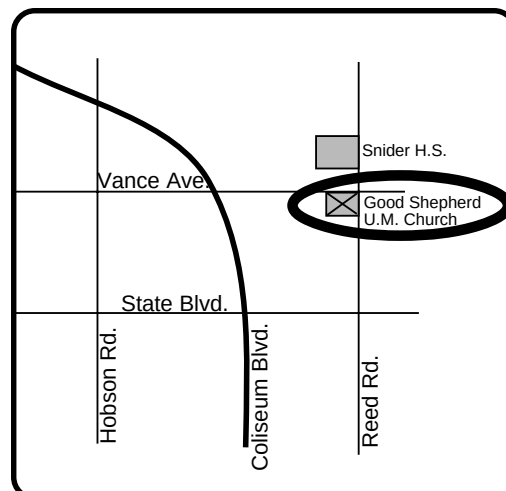
On the first of April, I represented the club at the spring meeting of the IRCC, the Indiana Radio Clubs Council, in Noblesville. This organization is newly revitalized with plenty of fresh officers. They have a web page attached to the Indiana ARRL site at: <http://www.inarrl.org/ircc.html>. Take a moment and check it out sometime.

73, Steve

April Meeting

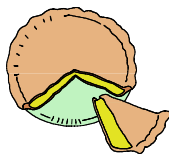
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7:00 PM - NOTE the time
change !

Good Shepherd U.M. Church
(see map below)
Program: Foxhunting



FWRC SPRING BANQUET

The annual Fort Wayne Radio Club spring banquet is quickly approaching. Please mark your calendars to this event. It will be at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (regular meeting place), 6:30 PM on May 11, 2001. It will be a total carry in like the Christmas party which was a huge success. Gentlemen, please let your ladies know about this event, they like to socialize and eat too. More information will be forthcoming. Carole Burke, WB9RUS



Spring Code and Theory Classes Reminder



WHERE: GLENWOOD PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 4501 VANCE AVENUE, FORT WAYNE, IN (250 FEET WEST OF THE CHURCH)

WHEN: MARCH 19 TO MAY 21, 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

WHO: CONTACT TOM BAKER, N9TB, 219-747-2714 (N9TB@ARRL.NET)

TEXT: "TECHNICIAN CLASS: BECOME A LICENSED HAM WITH MORSE CODE" BY GORDON WEST, RADIO SHACK # 62-2440 \$9.95

STEVE, WB9ZIY

New Distance Record On 76 GHz

from *The ARRL Letter* – A new world distance record on 76 GHz is being claimed by Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association member Bob Johnson, KF6KVG, and his partner, Will Jensby, W0EOM, of the 50MHz and Up Group. The new claimed record for 76 GHz was set February 1. Johnson was located southwest of San Jose, California, on Mount Loma Prieta running 1mW to a 12-inch dish antenna. Jensby was located on Mount Vaca near Vacaville running 5 mW to an 18-inch dish. The total distance covered was 145 kilometers based on the "center of grid square to center of grid square" measurement approach.—adapted from PAARAgaphs March 2001

Fort Wayne Radio Club Minutes

Friday, March 16, 2001



The March, 2001 meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was called to order at 7:40 by President, Steve Nardin. Introduction followed. There were no minutes as the last meeting was Skywarn training as joint meeting with ACARTS.

Treasurer, Bob Streeter, gave the following report, Year to Date Income \$1,308.30, expenses \$347.76. Cash on hand, \$109.52, Saving/checking \$7,559.89, Ladies fund, \$325.21. Total assets \$12,003.91. We have 75 paid members, 14 family members and 5 Life members. Thus far we have benefited \$24.50 year to date from the joint Allen County Ham News.

The Code and Theory Class will start March 19 at Glenwood Park Elementary School from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. Tom Baker, and Larry Temenoff will teach. So far there has been no response. The Gordon West Technician Class Book will be used. The class in one night a week for 10 weeks.

Carl, N9NRO reported that the ATV group installed a solid state powered amp. It is working well at this time. It has a capability of 450 watts on CW.

Carl, N9NRO reported on the fox hunt. The foxes were at 14/69 on a dead end road. The foxes were KB9DOT, KB9DOS, KB9LOF. N9NRO and NOLOV won. The next foxhunt is the first Monday in April at 6:30 meeting near the Off Track Betting on Washing Center Road.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Bill Hall, WD9HII.

The meeting for April will be about Fox Hunting.

The meeting was meeting was adjourned at 7:50 and a very interesting program, presented by Tom Baker, N9TB was on PSK31.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Burke, WB9RUS

Looking for Homer, WA9ALY

Does anyone know how to contact Homer Evans, WA9ALY? His last known e-mail address <wa9aly@ibm.net> bounces and the phone number we have for him has been disconnected. If someone has contacted Homer please call Al Burke, 219-637-1989, or Vic Guess, 219-485-7472.

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President's Message



Spring is finally here, but it sure does not feel or look like it. But, since this is Indiana, the weather can change more often than we change our underwear. And speaking of spring, it is time for our annual Spring banquet. The banquet will take place on our regular meeting night. This year it will be on April 17, at Ryan's Steakhouse on North Clinton, across from Scott's. We will start gathering at 6:30 P.M., and plan to eat at 7:00 P.M.. At the current time there is no program planned for the banquet. Call me at 747-0938 and leave a message on my machine, or send me an e-mail if you plan to attend and how many people will be coming. The club will be picking up the cost of the meal for all members.

We are still looking for people to fill some positions. We need an activities manager. We also need someone to be our new trustee. This needs to be done as soon as possible since the station license and trustee licence have to be renewed at the same time. The station license expires at the end of May. Contact me or any Board member if you are interested in either position.

An update on my computer project. I finally have it up and running. I gave up on Windows 95. I think there was some hardware conflicts between Windows 95 and my hard drive which

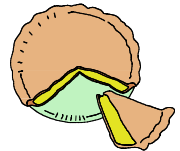
was larger than 2 GB. The version I had was 95C which supports FAT32, but it still would not work. When I went to the Maumee Hamfest a few weeks ago, I found a good price on a full version of Windows 98 Second Edition. I installed it, but still do not have access to the full drive size. I wound up buying Partition Commander to take care of my partition problems. Now I just have to figure out how to use direct connection, to get some of my programs transferred from my old computer to my new one.

Well, that's all for this month. See you at the banquet.

73 Vic, KA9LTV

ACARTS Spring Banquet

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73, Vic, KA9LTV

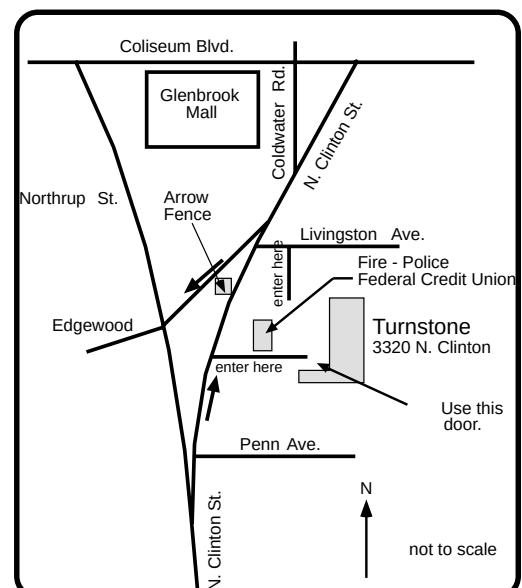
Meeting Schedule

All meetings are at 7:30 PM at Turnstone unless otherwise noted.

General Meeting/Spring Banquet:
Tuesday, 04/17/01, 7:00 PM, Ryan's Steak House

Board Meeting: 05/8/01
All members are encouraged to attend.

Tech Committee: no info received. Call KB9IBW, 485-4120



ACARTS March Board Meeting Minutes

Order was brought from chaos by President Vic Berko, KA9LTV, on March 13, 2001 at 7:43 PM.

Howard motioned and it was agreed to make a \$300.00 ACARTS donation to the Community Harvest at this time in order to benefit from matching funds.

The term cps, which has been replaced by Hz, was discussed and the claim that it originally stood for Charles Proteus Steinmetz 1865-1923 who developed the mathematics for AC theory.

Refreshments were provided: Soda Pop, cookies by Vic, and healthful apples etc. by Dave WB9UNL.

The Spring Banquet was discussed. No speaker has been found yet. Vic is considering Ryan's.

Field Day participation for this year will depend on whoever decides to be the chairman. It is planned that we participate with at least a simple station.

The Turnstone station and antenna were discussed along with the logistics for its use. Possibly the keys to the station could be available at the reception desk with a sign out sheet for call signs etc. It was stated that the Technical committee was planning on putting up some kind of antenna in April. Instruction and checkout on the equipment and operating manuals were also discussed.

There was no new information concerning the status of the new repeater antennas.

Jim KB9IH indicated that the Security Manager position for the 2001 Hamfest is still open as is the Activities Manager for the club. Flyers are now available for anyone who would like to distribute them at local hamfests.

Of major importance is the fact that we are looking for a Repeater Trustee, as Dave KA9FFT will no longer be our trustee in May and we need a replacement.

The meeting then wound down to a close.

Respectfully Submitted, Jim Boyer, KB9IH

Did YOU make your reservation for the ACARTS Spring Banquet yet?

ACARTS March Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.



After introductions by all members present, Vic announced that plans for the Spring Banquet meeting in April are still tentative and that the time and location will be finalized shortly. A discussion about getting the club station on the air at Turnstone was held. Vic also stated that no one has yet volunteered to be the trustee of the club license.

A motion to close the business portion of the meeting was made by Howard, N9ADS, and seconded by Vic, WB9UZA.

Vic, KA9LTV, introduced the speaker, Michael Day, KF9UG, who gave an interesting presentation on his Amateur Radio Internet Gateway, which allows access to Packet via the internet. Mike demonstrated the system after his talk to the members that were interested in seeing it in operation. Details of how to register and use the system can be found at Mike's web site <http://www.fwarig.org>.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

Spectrum Protection Act Bill Attracting Cosponsors

from *The ARRL Letter* – The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2001 has begun attracting cosponsors in the US House and Senate on both sides of the aisle. ARRL Legislative and Public Affairs Manager Steve Mansfield, N1MZA, reports that the House bill, H.R. 817, already has six cosponsors, including Reps John Baldacci of Maine; Dan Burton of Indiana; Johnny Isakson of Georgia; Walter B. Jones Jr and Mike McIntyre of North Carolina, and Patrick J. Tiberi of Ohio. The identical Senate bill, S. 549, now has three cosponsors—Sens Daniel Akaka of Hawaii, Susan Collins of Maine, and Jesse Helms of North Carolina. If approved by both chambers and signed by Pres George W. Bush, the Spectrum Protection Act would require the FCC to provide equivalent replacement spectrum should it ever reallocate primary Amateur Radio spectrum to another service. The same requirement would apply if the FCC acted to diminish any secondary amateur allocations or made additional allocations in ham bands that diminish their utility.



Indiana QSO Party

Sponsored by the Land of Lakes Amateur Radio Club

Will be held 1400Z May 6th to 2300Z May 7th.

Categories: Single Operator, Multi-Operator, Club Station, VHF/UHF.

Modes: Cw and Phone.

All Stations may be worked once per mode on each band. Mobiles may be worked once per mode per Indiana county that they operate from. No Repeater Contacts.

Exchange: Indiana stations, Signal Report & County.

Non-Indiana stations: Send Signal Report, State, Province, or Country.

Scoring: Phone contacts count 2 QSO points, all other modes count 3 QSO points. Indiana stations multiply QSO points by total of Indiana Counties+States+Provinces+Countries worked. Non-Indiana stations multiply the total QSO points by the number of Indiana counties worked.

Suggested Freq: Cw: 1810, 3539, 3715, 7045, 7115, 14045, 21045, 21120, 28045, 28120

Phone: 1860, 3890, 7280, 14285, 21385, 28400, 50.14, 144.215, 432.120

Awards: Certificates will be awarded for First & Second place in each category, state, province, and country.

Send logs with a SASE to Sharon Brown, 905 W. Parkway Dr., Pleasant Lk, In. 46779. You may submit logs via e-mail to sharon.l.brown@gte.net. Logs must be received by June 11th.

FORWARDED BY: Vicki Rudicel KB9OME Pres., Grant County Amateur Radio Club Chair, Indiana Radio Club Council (IRCC)

Fort Wayne DX Association

INARRL BULLETIN 026-2001

SUBJECT: FORT WAYNE DX ASSOCIATION

I contacted Jim Wolf/KR9U recently to find out what is going on in DX and other related activity around the area.

I soon found out that activity is bursting at the seams. If you ever had any inkling of getting into DX and especially 160 meters maybe this subject group can provide some inspiration. After looking things over I decided to draft up a bulletin to inform others.

Folks if you want to find out what is happening in the DX world and 160 meters, maybe the Fort Wayne DX Association is a place to visit! Ok so maybe you live too far away to pay the visit but you are not too far away from their web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/fwdxa/>

Also contrary to some rumors around that packet is dead in the water, check out the DX PacketCluster open to anyone that can check in. It's on 144.91 MHz packet. Connect to KR9U, of course.

If anyone is interested in the FWDXA meetings, contact the Pres, Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA at k9la@gte.net. Carl works with me at Raytheon.

My personal home page is; <http://members.home.net/jbwolf/>

James Wolf, KR9U kr9u@arrl.net

Thanks Jim/KR9U for your contribution to the INARRL BULLETIN

Restructuring - Continued from page 1

a year ago, "there does not appear to be any decline in the proper operation of amateur stations." The FCC also declined to ban the practice of allowing applicants to retake a failed examination element at a single test session simply by paying a second fee to the VE team. And the Commission did not go along with requests to set the total number of questions at 50 for the Technician and General class test and at 100 for the Amateur Extra test.

The FCC also declined to make any changes—at least for now—in the arrangement of mode-related Amateur Radio subbands, as some petitioners had requested. The FCC said it believed it should let the amateur community "reach a consensus regarding a comprehensive restructuring of operating privileges for all licensees" before making any changes.

Also denied were requests to: institute a new entry-level Communicator license class in the Amateur Service; elevate former "Class A" operators licensed prior to 1951 to Amateur Extra, instead of leaving them at Advanced class; give Element 4 exam credit to examinees who'd held a Conditional, General or Advanced ticket before November 22, 1968—when "incentive licensing" became effective.

New Field Day Rules For 2001 Designed To Enhance The Fun

from *The ARRL Letter* – Field Day 2001 will run from 1800 UTC June 23 to 2100 UTC June 24—as always, the fourth full weekend in June. Typically a club or group event, Field Day is the most popular operating activity of the year—and one of the most enjoyable for hams of all skill levels. A few rules changes this year affect bonus points for Field Day scores.

- The non-traditional mode bonus has been expanded from 100 to 300 points for doing three separate demonstration modes.
- Packet is back and will be counted as one of the three demonstration modes, but to claim packet credit, you must set up a portable digipeater system. Existing, permanent packet networks do not qualify for this bonus.
- You may earn a 100-point bonus if an invited local government official or representative of one of the agencies that ARES serves in an emergency visits your Field Day site. To earn this bonus, the invited official must actually visit the site, not just be invited.
- The message-handling bonus has been changed. You may now earn 10 points per message, up to 100 points total, for origination, relay, and delivery of formal NTS messages. In the past, only messages received and relayed were counted. The Field Day participation message to the Section Manager or Section Emergency Coordinator under rule 7.3.5 does not also qualify for bonus points under these rules.

This marks the last year that the extra Novice/Tech Plus station will exist in its current form. The Novice/Tech station is a non-counting transmitter, and its QSOs count for QSO point credit. The ARRL Membership Services Committee is considering several options to encourage participation by newly licensed hams.

The ARRL Contest Branch has compiled a 24-page Field Day 2001 Information packet, <http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/01fdpack.pdf>. This document is available in hard-copy format by sending an SASE with four units of postage to Field Day Package, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

In addition to the dated Field Day pins that have proven so popular the past few years, the League now offers 2001 Field Day T-shirts. Pins are just \$5, and the T-shirts are \$9.95. For ordering information, visit the ARRL Products Catalog, <http://www.arrl.org/catalog>, or call toll-free 888-277-5289. The Contest Branch no longer handles orders for these items.

ARISS Declares ISS Special Event Day April 12

from *The ARRL Letter* – Casual Amateur Radio contacts with the hams aboard the International Space Station have been few and far between. That could change next month when a special event day for ham radio has been declared.

“The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station, or ARISS, team has received permission from the ISS controllers to declare April 12 Cosmonautics Day—a special event day for ham radio on the International Space Station,” ARISS spokesperson Will Marchant, KC6ROL, announced today.

The ARISS international team is asking the ISS Expedition 2 crew—on a voluntary basis—to run general QSOs over Earth’s major land masses to help celebrate Cosmonautics Day, Marchant said. Given the interest expressed by earthbound hams in making a contact with the ISS, the ARISS team also is hoping the crew will be enthusiastic about the idea.

Cosmonautics Day will mark the 40th anniversary of the first human space flight by USSR cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, the 30th anniversary of Salyut 1—the first space station, and the 20th anniversary of the initial launch of the first reusable space vehicle—the space shuttle.

Marchant said the crew will be involved with stowage activities on April 12, “so they should have a fair amount of flexibility in adjusting their schedule.” Two hams now are aboard the International Space Station—Expedition 2 Crew Commander Yury Usachev, UA9AD, and US astronaut Susan Helms, KC7NHZ. Helms already has made a few casual contacts and this week participated in a scheduled ARISS contact with a California elementary school using the station’s NA1SS call sign. It’s not known if Usachev has been active on the air while over Russia.

The following frequencies have been announced for ARISS general QSOs: Voice and packet downlink: 145.80 (worldwide); voice uplink: 144.49 for Regions 2 and 3 (the Americas, and the Pacific); voice uplink: 145.20 for Region 1 (Europe, Central Asia and Africa); packet uplink: 145.99 (worldwide). The ISS Amateur Radio packet system still is not operational, but Marchant said ARISS has been working with the crew and hopes it will be up and running by then.

Marchant said that specific operating times and modes for Cosmonautics Day, as well as additional details, will be announced on the ARISS Web page, <http://ariss.gsfc.nasa.gov/>.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN HAMFEST!

Independent Repeater Association, Inc. Annual Hamfestival

Dealers and forums on "Alternative Energy Concepts" for hams.

West Michigan's Largest Hamfest & Computer Fair

Michigan/Florida hams meet at 9:00 A.M. in the café.

Saturday, June 2, 2001, 8:00 A.M. until it's over!

VE amateur exams - 10:30 A.M. start.

Huge indoor facilities at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds. Located 6-miles west of Grand Rapids, two miles north of I-196 exit 62. Friday night setup, camping available with showers and electricity.

Michigan Area Repeater Council quarterly meeting at 1:00 P.M.

Talk-in on the 147.16 link system.

Tickets are \$5, Tables are \$8, Trunk Spaces are \$6, Camping is \$10.

Make your reservations and bring your stuff! Bring a friend!

Famous "Roadkill-Chili" potluck supper on Friday at 7:30 P.M. Bring a dish to pass and your musical instrument. Join in the fun!

For info write to: The I.R.A., 562 92nd Street SE, Byron Center, MI 49315 Call Kathy for reservations at (616) 698-6627 after 4:00 P.M. (E.D.S.T.) or you can make reservations directly on the IRA web at <<http://www.w8hvg.org>>. Check it out! E-mail to ira@w8hvg.org.

Convenient motels nearby at Exit 62.

Four major prizes plus dozens more!

NOAA Weather Radio Frequencies

Just a reminder if you are traveling and want to tune in NOAA Weather Radio:

162.400	162.425	162.450	162.475
162.500	162.525	162.550	

<<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/nwrbro.htm>>

Regional Hamfests

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Phone</u>	<u>URL or E-mail</u>
7 Apr 2001	Columbus, IN	812-342-4670	carc_in@yahoo.com
21 Apr 2001	Michigan City, IN	219-325-9089	
18-20 May 2001	Dayton, OH	937-276-6930	http://www.hamvention.org/
2 Jun 2001	Grand Rapids, MI	616-698-6627	http://www.iserv.net/~w8hvg
10 Jun 2001	Wabash, IN	219-563-8487	wia1@netusa1.net
10 Jun 2001	Wheaton, IL	630-963-4922	http://www.cyberconnect.com/orion/smcc.html
17 Jun 2001	Crown Point, IN	219-980-8030	leeraue@msn.com
7 Jul 2001	Indianapolis, IN	317-257-4050	http://www.indyhamfest.com
22 Jul 2001	Van Wert, OH	419-238-2442 X324	http://www.redrival.com/w8fy
4 Aug 2001	Columbus, OH	614-846-7790	kb8kpj@cs.com
5 Aug 2001	Angola, IN	219-475-5897	sharon.l.brown@gte.net

For more complete information go to <http://www.acarts.com/hamfests.htm>.



For Sale & Wanted

Kenwood TS-700SP 2 meter all mode with built in AC power supply.

Digital display. No mike or manual. Possible copy of manual available. \$250.

VHF Engineering 2 mtr linear amp. 10 in 80 out on FM, CW or SSB. No pre amp or manual. \$60.

Astron 20 amp supply with crowbar. \$60.

All items picked up from the north side of Fort Wayne.

John, W9VD, 219-637-7149,
W9VD@concentric.net

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Looking for used equipment...

Greetings!

I'm very excited about a group of Taylor University Students who are currently studying for their Amateur Radio License Exams! I visited their class tonight and they asked about helping them find some good, used, **inexpensive** equipment -2 meters and / or 440. Please e-mail me if you have anything you could "part with" or know of a good resource...

Thanks & 73!

Vicki Rudicel KB9OME Pres., Grant County Amateur Radio Club Chair, Indiana Radio Club Council (IRCC), <pres@grantarc.com>.

NOTE: For Sale & Wanted items will be listed for 2 months only unless the ad is resubmitted. If you sell an item the first month, please contact the editor so the item can be removed.

VEC Schedule

from the ARRL Web Site

Database last updated on Mon 02-Apr-2001
5 found within approximately 50 miles of 46801

12-Apr-2001

Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: LYLE L LONG (219)875-8455

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CENTER
HOMAN BUILDING
GREENCROFT BLVD
GOSHEN, IN 46525

28-Apr-2001

Sponsor: VAN WERT VE GROUP

Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ROBERT E HIGH (419)795-5763

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: EMA BLDG 1220 EAST RIDGE RD
PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED
VAN WERT, OH 45891

05-May-2001

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: WILLIAM C HALL (219)485-3995

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: ALLEN COUNTY LIBRARY
GEORGETOWN BRANCH 6600 E STATE BLVD
COMMUNITY ROOM
FORT WAYNE, IN 46815

26-May-2001

Sponsor: W5YI-VEC — WHITLEY COUNTY ARC

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ROGER L MC ENTARFER (219)691-3009

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: WHITLEY COUNTY JAIL
BASEMENT MEETING ROOM 101 W MARKET ST -
SUITE C
N9QCL@ARRL.NET
COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

26-May-2001

Sponsor: VAN WERT VE GROUP

Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ROBERT E HIGH (419)795-5763

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: EMA BLDG 1220 EAST RIDGE RD
PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED
VAN WERT, OH 45891



160-meter Band Plan Committee Seeks Input

SB QST ARL ARLB009 ARLB009 ARRL 160-Meter Band Plan Committee seeks input

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"With the ever-increasing activity on 160, it is time to revisit the band plan," said ARRL Delta Division Director Rick Roderick, K5UR,

who was named to chair the committee.

Also asked to serve on the panel were ARRL New England Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI; ARRL Dakota Division Director Emeritus Tod Olson, K0TO; Jeff Briggs, K1ZM, and Bill Tippet, W4ZV. All of the appointees are veteran amateurs and familiar with 160 meters and the issues facing the band. Briggs, a perennial Top Band contester and DXer, literally wrote the book on 160 meters, *DXing on the Edge—the Thrill of 160 Meters*. Tippet has more than 300 DXCC entries to his credit on 160.

CEPT—has effectively lowered the Amateur Radio Morse code test speed to 5 WPM for all European countries.

ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG, will serve as Headquarters staff liaison with the committee.

Roderick says the band plan committee is open for comments "from all parties—the

digital folks, DXers, ragchewers, anyone." The e-mail address for comments is 160-BANDPLAN@arrl.org. To be accepted, all submitted comments must include a subject line.

The committee plans to report back to the ARRL Board of Directors in July.

All ARRL band plans are on the ARRL Web site, <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bandplan.html>.

FCC Proposes Lower Amateur Radio Vanity Fee

from The ARRL Letter – The FCC is proposing to lower the fee to obtain or renew an Amateur Radio vanity call sign from \$14 to \$12. The new fee, if approved, likely would go into effect sometime in September.

The proposed lower fee was contained in an FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for FY 2001 (MD Docket No. 01-76), released March 29. The FCC said it estimates 8000 applicants will apply for vanity call signs in the current fiscal year.

Applicants for Amateur Radio vanity call signs will continue to pay the \$14 fee for the 10-year license term until the FY 2001 fee schedule becomes effective. The effective date for the new FCC fee schedule will be announced later this year in a Report and Order or by a Public Notice published in the Federal Register.

Comments in the fee proceeding are due by April 27; reply comments must be received by May 7, 2001. Comments filed through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System can be sent via the FCC Web site, <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed.

Europe Adopts 5 WPM as Morse Code Standard

from The ARRL Letter – The Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations—CEPT—has effectively lowered the Amateur Radio Morse code test speed to 5 WPM for all European countries. The CEPT Radio Regulatory Working Group (WGRR), meeting last month in The Hague, adopted a revision of Recommendation 61-02 to include the 5 WPM standard. The European Radiocommunication Office published the revised version of T/R 61-02 this month. The revision, which establishes requirements for the issuance of a Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate (HAREC), reduces the Morse requirement from 12 WPM. "In revising what is known as the CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-02, it has in effect recommended to 44 European countries to adopt the 5 WPM standard," said Wireless Institute of Australia-Victoria President Jim Linton, VK3PC, who closely follows global developments in Amateur Radio Morse code trends. Additional information is available on Linton's Morse code watch site, <http://www.wiavic.org.au/mcw>. More information on CEPT is on the ERO Web site, <http://www.ero.dk>.

Membership Application for ☐ FWRC - or - ☐ ACARTS (check one)

Name: _____ Call sign: _____ License class: _____

Street address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____ -⁴ _____ Phone #: (____) _____ - _____ Unlisted? ☐ Yes

Email address: _____ ARRL Member? ☐ Yes

Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

Regular membership ☐ \$15.00 / year

Family membership ¹ ☐ \$21.00 / year

Student membership ² ☐ \$6.00 / year

Associate membership ³ ☐ \$15.00 / year

(Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues

Regular membership ☐ \$12.00 / year

Additional family members ¹ ☐ \$6.00 / year

Student membership ² ☐ \$6.00 / year

Associate membership ³ ☐ \$6.00 / year

(New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

1. Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.

2. K-12 or full time student

3. unlicensed member

4. 9 digit ZIP code required for US bulk mail

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Both clubs now offer this newsletter as a downloadable (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. How would you like your newsletter delivered? ☐ by snail mail ☐ download from web site.

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Fort Wayne, IN 46885

A.C.A.R.T.S.
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Fort Wayne, IN 46851

For dual membership, fill out both sides and send 2 checks to either club.

ACARTS Voice Repeaters

146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority
147.255 (+) General use / Autopatch priority
443.800 (+) General use
(All repeaters have autopatch, but 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digipeaters)

144.390 (s) APRS - wide
145.010 (s) General use, NETROM (FWA) - wide
223.660 (s) BBS use ONLY NETROM (FWA220) - wide

Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters

Voice: 146.76 (-) General use; (2 sec. initial keyup delay)
146.94 (-) General use with autopatch
146.91 (-) Autopatch only
444.875 (+) General use
ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

Area Traffic Nets

(please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)

IMO: meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. (2330 UTC) on 146.88

Area Traffic Nets - Continued

Auburn: meets Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri., & Sat. at 6 p.m. (2300 UTC) on 147.015+

21 Repeater Group: meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. (0200 UTC) on 147.150

Miscellaneous Nets

Huntington ARES: Sat/Tues at 8:00 p.m. (0100 UTC) on 146.685

Portside: 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. (0030 UTC) on 444.300

Whitley Co. / ARES: Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. (0015 UTC) on 145.270
(Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

Whitley Co. Sunday: Sundays at 7:45 p.m. (0045 UTC) on 444.550
+. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)

Sloppy Code Net: Sundays at 9 p.m. (0200 UTC) on 40M (7.1405 MHz). This CW net's purpose is to build confidence and help increase code speed. The speed is generally 1-10 WPM. If you want to copy only contact Henry, KA9ZNN at 749-8968 for details..

Six Meter AM net (informal): Every Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. on 50.580 MHz . Intercom on 146.430 simplex.